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SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-03

FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 032-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-03 at 1230 hours.

Owing to the current social protest landscape there are three (3) sections to this Situation Report:
Ottawa, Toronto, and Ontario.

PREFACE: The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold. The OPP also has vehicles strategically placed outside of the downtown core to monitor and assist as required.

1. Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Central Investigations and OPP JOPIS are actively engaged in an investigation of a threat made toward Ottawa Police Service Chief Peter SLOLY. **(RELIABLE)**
2. OPS reporting indicates that protesters at the Ottawa blockade have been harassing and intimidating employees at the Supreme Court on a daily basis. **(UNKNOWN)**
3. OPS report counter-demonstrations have taken place in a manner that is sporadic and unorganized. Some of these have occurred near 474 Elgin Street. **(RELIABLE)**
4. Police information reports [REDACTED] arrived in the Parliament Hill area during the early afternoon where she was greeted by a crowd of approximately 100 individuals. [REDACTED] addressed her followers and indicated she intended to burn a "Corporation flag", observations indicated this was a

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Canadian flag and no adverse incidents were reported. [REDACTED] left the Parliament Hill area shortly thereafter. Information shared as part of [REDACTED]'s original itinerary suggested she would depart for Quebec on 2022-02-06. **(RELIABLE)**

OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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1. Open source research has identified an image on the Twitter page for Randy HILLIER of what appears to be gasoline jerry cans and missile warheads with the caption "LET.FREEDOM.RING". The Freedom Convoy 2022 is "tagged" on the post. **(RELIABLE)**
2. Media reporting indicates that truck drivers participating in the border blockade in Coutts, Alberta, have freed one lane of traffic after negotiations with rural Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) before they held a meeting about lifting the vaccine restrictions exemption program. An MLA spokesperson later denied that they had negotiated with the protestors. **(UNKNOWN)**

A social media message that was retweeted on Randy HILLIER's Twitter page refers to the Alberta MLAs' meeting and that the protestors had opened one highway lane in good faith that the mandates in rural Alberta would all be dropped. The Tweet caption was "*The Honkening may just have set Rural Alberta Free.*" **(RELIABLE)**

Analyst Comment: The "Honkening" is likely a referral to the Ottawa blockade. It is unknown whether the MLAs in Alberta negotiated with the protestors, but the perception that they did is likely to encourage and motivate participants at the Ottawa blockade. Further, some individual participating in the Ottawa blockade may view events in Alberta as a success, which is likely to encourage them in their objective to remain in Ottawa.



3. Social media messaging indicates that a counter-protest is being planned in Ottawa on 2022-02-05 from 1200 hours to 1700 hours. The plan is to begin at the police station on Elgin Street, then march to City Hall at 1400 hours and remain there until 1700 hours. The message notes that the city had denied the author a permit for the protest. **(RELIABLE)**
4. Open source research has identified negative social media messaging regarding the truck blockade in Ottawa that appears to originate with residents of the city, as well as messaging that suggests that the trucks are being vandalized during the night. **(UNKNOWN)**

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5. The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy amounts to \$10.1 million (2022-02-03 0730 hours). GoFundMe has paused the Freedom Convoy fundraising while it undertakes a review to confirm that the initiative complies with the company's terms of service. **(CONFIRMED)**

A message on the Freedom Convoy 2022 Facebook page notes that the GoFundMe has been paused and asks for donations via e-transfer through tbofconvoy2022@protonmail.com. Previous reports identified other e-transfer platforms for donations to the convoy. The amount of funds raised through these platforms is unknown. **(RELIABLE)**

6. Open source research has identified social media messaging on the Twitter page of the CANADIAN ANTI-HATE NETWORK claiming that some GoFundMe donations for the protest had been refunded. **(UNKNOWN)**
7. The "ADOPT A TRUCKER" fundraiser had raised almost \$201,479 as of 2022-02-03 at 1213 hours. **(RELIABLE)**

Toronto: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

BACKGROUND: Information circulated through social media channels has advertised several coordinated convoys departing a number of locations in Ontario destined for Queen's Park, on February 5, 2022, in support of the Freedom Convoy 2022 currently underway in Ottawa.

1. No information at this time.

Toronto: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

1. Open source research has identified a social media video featuring [REDACTED], a main organizer of the Freedom Convoy 2022, who reports he has returned to Toronto and is participating in organizing the protest scheduled for Queens Park on 2022-02-05. He asks for any one also organizing for this event to contact him. [REDACTED] stated the Toronto demonstration will be different than Ottawa as there will be fewer trucks. He also solicited for provisions of food and clothing. **(UNKNOWN)**

Analyst Comment: Collections of this kind may suggest [REDACTED] is planning to return to Ottawa.

2. Open source information indicates a Hamilton organizer is attempting to plan a convoy to either Ottawa or Toronto. Responses to date suggest participants would rather organize themselves to attend Toronto or engage in a local action. **(UNKNOWN)**

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3. Information sourced to social media identified a message advocating for counter demonstrators to throw frozen water bottles at 'windshields of truckers and racist people'. **(UNKNOWN)**
4. Unconfirmed information suggests supporters may mobilize from Barrie to attend Toronto; approximately 100 individuals have indicated interest. **(UNKNOWN)**
5. Unconfirmed information suggests supporters may mobilize from the Muskoka area and travel with the group departing from York Region at Vaughan Mills Mall. **(UNKNOWN)**

EVENT INFORMATION: "Convoy for Freedom Toronto" - Queen's Park, start time 12:00 hours. All meet points (unless noted) are to muster at 10:00 hours, depart at 11:00 hours.

- **Orangeville** – 95 First Street;
- **Vaughan Mills;**
- **Scarborough Town Centre;**
- **Yorkdale Mall;**
- **Sherway Gardens;**
- **Square One;**
- **Oakville** – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
- **Niagara Falls** – 300 Taylor Rd. (meeting early at 0900 hours)
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours)

Unconfirmed information suggests groups may mobilize from Barrie and Muskoka areas.

Ontario: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Multiple police services advised they had received information to suggest some anti-mandate groups are attempting to organize maskless shopping actions. Locations identified to date include, North Bay, Haliburton, and York Region. Further, City halls and public health units remain vulnerable to protest activity.

Local convoy actions are anticipated in jurisdictions across the province, please see event schedule for identified actions to date.

Ontario: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

1. Open source research has identified a Facebook page called MARINERSFORFREEDOM2022. The page indicates that members of the commercial fishing industry is issuing a call for workers in the maritime

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sector to protest in ports all over Canada and in shipping lanes to support the truck driver protest. A post on the page calls for an initial event on 2022-02-05. No specific ports are named. **(RELIABLE)**

Analyst Comment: *A maritime protest could affect Ontario's ports on the Great Lakes, in Thunder Bay, and in Windsor.*

COMBINED ASSESSMENT

The ongoing truck blockades in Ottawa and Coutts, Alberta, have the potential to develop into a national civil disobedience movement that could extend to maritime transportation and, potentially, other major transportation sectors.

It is highly likely that new convoys, blockades and protests in support of the Ottawa blockade will occur in Ontario for the foreseeable future and will strain law enforcement resources. It is all but certain that these events will disrupt the movement of goods and people. Some events are likely to be well organized; others may develop organically or spontaneously with little warning. Blockades are likely at strategic locations, such as border points, ports, transportation hubs, and in major urban centres.

These events may also draw counter-protests, which may present public safety threats.

Although the main fundraising platform for the convoy has been paused, organizers still have access to funds that will likely allow them to finance the blockade in Ottawa at least for the immediate future.

The blockades in Alberta are significant from where the strategies taken by authorities toward a resolution may inform protest behaviour in Ontario. Additionally, the manner in which protestors respond to attempts by the Alberta government to resolve the problem could provide indicators of potential responses by protestors in Ontario, particularly in Ottawa. Should the situation in Coutts deteriorate, solidarity actions may lead to confrontation between authorities and protestors in Ontario; while any indication, real or perceived, that the Alberta government might accede to the protestors' demands is likely to encourage ongoing protests in Ontario.

Project HENDON has not identified any concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy protest, Operation BearHug 2.0., or local solidarity protests. However, the possibility that a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a threat with little or no warning cannot be excluded.

EVENT SCHEDULE – Support Convoys / Demonstrations

DATE UNKNOWN: Elliott Lake – Freedom Canada Support Convoy 2022, message posted 2022-01-30 scheduled to depart 0900 hours and arrive in Ottawa 1830 hours. Follow-up with OPP Elliott Lake Detachment was unable to confirm if this event has happened or not.

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- **North Bay: Health Unit Protest to Drop All Mandates** – (0900 hours)
- **Tillsonburg: Demonstration** – farmers encouraging each other to block roadways with farm equipment until vaccine mandates are lifted (1200-1500 hours)

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- **Toronto:** Convoy Protest – Tractor Meet, Queens Park (1300 hours)
- **Ottawa:** Support Convoy to Ottawa (0900) – departure location unclear, possibly Toronto
- **Sudbury: Freedom Convoy** – departing from Bell Park Parking lot at 17:00 hours; donations to be brought by 16:00 hours. Travel the TransCanada Highway to Ottawa.
- **Unnamed Maritime Ports – Mariners for Freedom 2022 Slow Roll** (1200-1300 hours)

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- **Ottawa: Freedom Dance Party** – Parliament Hill (1200 -1500 hours)(Destination Queens Park)
- **Ottawa (Parliament Hill): Second Wave 2022** - Human Chain Around Parliament Hill (1400 hours)
- **Kingston/Ottawa: Back to Ottawa Convoy** – HWY 38 Carpool (HWY 401 and Gardiners Rd.) (0830 hours); stopping at Mallorytown (0915 hours)
- **London:** Freedom Convoy Support – meet at McDonald's parking lot across Costco on Wellington at 14:00 hours; drive through London event.

QUEEN'S PARK PROTEST

- **Toronto: Convoy Protest (Ending at Queens Park)** – meeting points at 1000 hours as follows:
 - Orangeville – 95 First Street;
 - Vaughan Mills;
 - Scarborough Town Centre;
 - Yorkdale Mall;
 - Sherway Gardens;
 - Square One;
 - Oakville – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
 - Niagara Falls – 300 Taylor Rd. (meeting early at 0900 hours)
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022** – 555 Simcoe Street (1100 hours) destination Toronto
- **Windsor: Freedom Convoy Peaceful Slowdown on Huron Line** – Mic Mac Park (1000 hours)
- **Norfolk County: Tractor Convoy (four routes) – Destination Simcoe**
 - Route A:

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- **Dunnville** (1000 hours) through Selkirk, Fisherville, Nelles Corners to Cayuga (1130 hours)
- Route B:
 - **Cayuga** (1200 hours) through Jarvis to Simcoe (1300 hours)
- Route C:
 - **Langton** (1000 hours) to Port Rowan ending in Simcoe (1200 hours)
- Route D:
 - **Tillsonburg** (1000 hours) through Delhi and Waterford to Simcoe (1200 hours)
- **Goderich-Huron County: Slow Roll Supporting Our Ottawa Convoy** – MacEwan St. (1200 hours)
- **Alexandria: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0** – Depart Alexandria (0600 hours), to Monkland, Lemieux, Bourget, Cheney to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)

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